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Legation's G-114 dated March 27, 1960, rptd info Cairo G-113

East German doctor Grimm and doctor wife (located in Sana'a past four months) now in Taiz awaiting return to East Germany, reportedly because they on losing end of salary dispute with GOY. According to Wolfgang Rost, East German dentist in Taiz, appeals of East German Trade Mission in Sana'a to GOY on behalf of Grimms came to naught.

COMMENT: Available evidence indicates Grimms not expelled for political reasons.

While any East German in trouble in Yemen might logically be expected seek assistance from Trade Mission, Rost's remark nevertheless further evidence East German Trade Mission in Sana'a doubles as Consulate.

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REF: Legtel 120

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As reported reftel, Imam during audience Oct. 5 repeated his request first made in February (Legation's G-100 dated March 1, 1960) for two experienced American doctors, primarily as his personal physicians. Imam desires one internist and one surgeon and proposes GOY pay them at current salary rate for foreign doctors (average about \$5000 per year), USG to supplement their salaries as required as does Italian Government for certain Italian doctors in Yemen.

I strongly recommend Department favorably consider Imam's request. In addition to sustained good will they would engender for US, doctors would have steady access to invaluable intelligence information not only on Imam's health but also internal political developments at nerve center Yemeni Government. Stationed for most part in or near Hodeida, they would also keep convenient watch on Commie activities in area.

Should be noted doctors would be administering to medical needs large royal family, some members of which located in other Yemeni cities such as Taiz and Sana'a, and royal household as well as Imam himself. Doctors would also have unique opportunity study disease and advise on health problems of Yemeni population in such villages as Sukhne which is almost devoid medical facilities in any form. I am convinced doctors with certain pioneering spirit and with understanding of intelligence function could score effectively for US in their capacity as Imam's physicians as well as gain interesting and valuable experience themselves. Considering fact we spending three to four million dollars per year on aid excluding cost of wheat shipments to establish position in Yemen, supplemental salaries these doctors small price to pay compared to benefits US could reap from their services to key Yemeni personalities. Most useful doctors would be those with some foreign experience and willing remain Yemen two or three years including yearly leave. Problems such as satisfactory housing, reliable interpreter, etc. can also be studied and worked out. Imam reserves what little patience and understanding his nature allows him for doctors and all things medical. American doctors can be assured of good treatment at hands of Imam.

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I strongly believe it would be to US interest at this time to meet Imam's request promptly. In addition benefits already cited US can, in doing so, significantly influence attitude of sole person who counts, politically speaking, in Yemen today. Department's early reaction to Imam's proposal is requested.

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At request Imam Yemen one American doctor, general practitioner,
has been located who can report to Yemen in approximately six weeks.
Verify fact Imam still desires services and will pay doctor 5,000
riyals annually.

Dept still endeavoring locate surgeon.

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RPTD INFO: Cairo G-58, Aden G-54

REF: Legation's G-51, rptd info Cairo G-51, Aden G-49

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According reliable sources Imam, recently suffering some neuralgic or arthritic pain right arm, back and right leg, requested treatment by neurologist. Russians learned of request and sent for specialist referred to as "Professor Smitt" (phonetic) who arrived from Moscow within 48 hours. While in Hodeida November 7 - 10 I learned from Palace sources "Smitt" saw Imam briefly, presumably treated him and was then told his services no longer needed. However "Smitt" who has visited Yemen before requested remain Yemen for time being and is still in Hodeida.

Important advisers of Imam whom I saw in Hodeida unanimous in urging US act favorably on Imam's request for two American doctors (ref airgram). They frankly stress point on which I am also convinced: doctors have special place in Imam's heart and are therefore prime means of exerting influence on Imam. Advisers also state Imam believes American doctors best in world. I continue strongly recommend we promptly find way to meet Imam's request.

From all current indications Imam in relatively good health. He visited Bajil November 8 and some days previously inspected Chinese road by air. Accompanied by Zaraniq tribal bodyguard he reportedly is leaving his Hodeida palace now more frequently than in past to tour town and surrounding countryside.

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Italian doctor Manciolli, back in Taiz after few days Hodeida where he spent considerable time with Imam, states Imam displeased with performance to date of Russian doctors in Yemen and has requested Italian Government furnish 15 additional doctors for hospitals in Hodeida, Sana'a and Taiz. Manciolli said he heard considerable anti-Russian talk among Palace staff in Hodeida but did not venture speculate on reason for it. He also said Imam appears to be in good health.

COMMENT: Italian Government assistance in providing Yemen with additional doctors would be important contribution to Western effort in Yemen. It would boost Italian influence in medical field for which they best known in Yemen and help to check recent Commie drive, spearheaded by Soviets and Czechs, to squeeze Western doctors out of Yemeni hospitals. Problem for Italians would be to find funds supplement low salaries paid by GOY for new doctors who can obtain far higher income elsewhere (e.g. Congo). In fact few Italian doctors already in Yemen threatening leave for better paid positions in Congo.

Russians apparently have suffered some loss of prestige as result initiation US road project, slow progress on their own Hodeida port project and, reportedly, occasional "bad behavior" on part some of the Russian experts in Hodeida. It can be assumed, however, that initiation of work by Russians on Hodeida-Taiz road (Legation's G-65) would more than restore whatever position they may have lost in recent weeks.

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SENT DEPARTMENT 223; ROME 3, REPEATED INFORMATION CATEO 97

Reference: Legation despatch 58.

1. One month ago Italian Charge Guillet informed me he had arranged for four new Italian doctors come to Yemen under GOY contracts.

Guillet told me January 28 however, he had received word all four doctors have now changed their minds and will not be coming. Guillet greatly concerned since number of Italian doctors planning remain in Yemen now reduced to four from high several years ago of 27. He said doctors had been main vehicle for Italian position of influence in Yemen for many years and it was neither to Italian nor general Western interest that Italian doctors be replaced by Communists. Only in Taiz hospital were Italians now in majority and if trend continues communists could be expected soon take over here as well. Guillet requested USG urge Italian Government to do everything possible encourage additional Italian doctors go to Yemen.

Comment: Legation shares Guillet's concern and believes Italian Government should be urged locate competent Italian doctors for service in Yemen and if necessary, supplement salaries paid them by GOY.

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If appropriate opportunity offers suggest you bring Taiz 223 rptd Rome 3 to Fonoff's attention and express hope GOI may be able encourage Italian doctors go to Yemen. Dept has already mentioned foregoing to Italian Embassy, but indicated USG could not of course finance such doctors. Pouching memcons.

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Legation's G-51 indicated salary rate for foreign doctors QTE average about \$5,000 per year UNQTE. Require confirmation whether this amount will in fact be paid by Imam and whether in dollars or Yemeni riyals.

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Subject affirmative reply questions Deptel 184 following nomination

Dr. Warren H. DeVere, DOB 22 March 1922, Graduate Nebraska University (M.S.) 1955. Residency Gen. Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. 1955-1957.

Physician for Holmes and Narver, Inc. 1955-1958. 1958-1959 Resident
Physician General Hospital, Kansas City, 1959 to date Physician Aramco.

If Dr. DeVere acceptable Imam, Charge with concurrence ICA/Rep should send message U.S. Consulate Dhahran requesting contact Dr. DeVere offering personal services contract all inclusive salary \$15,000 annually deposited equal monthly installments to designated bank in U.S. as supplement 5,000 riyals to be paid locally by Imam for purposes provide medical service to Imam of Yemen and technical consultation to GOY in Hospital operation and maintenance.

If this offer acceptable Dr. DeVere, he should be requested report Director USOM, Beirut on or about February 22, 1961, to sign personal services contract. (FYI Contract will be developed ICA/W and discussed with

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H. Nelson, Director, USOM/Lebanon who due Washington on consultation. He will sign contract on behalf ICA/Rep, Yemen.) END FYI

Dr. DeVere will notify Taiz ETA Hodaida where should be met by ccuntry team for introduction Imam.

Arrangement should be made issue entry visa Yemen in Beirut.

For Dhahran: Aramco officials here and in Dhahran aware this proposal and concur.

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DEPTEL 196 to Taiz, repeated info Cairo 1558, Dhahran 430; Taiz
telegram 267 to Department, repeated info Cairo 122, Dhahran 5,
Beirut 8.

On basis reference telegrams CONGEN Officer interviewed Dr.
Devere on February 21. Dr. Devere accepts terms specified,
will resign present ARAMCO position at once, and estimates
will be able report to director, USOM, Beirut on or about
March 15 to sign personal services contract.

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26, TAIZ 6.

CONTEL 460, repeated information Beirut 117, Taiz 5, Cairo 20.

Dr. Warren H. Devere departs Dhahran March 8 to report to
Director, USOM, Beirut on or about March 10.

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Italian Charge Guillet informs me contracts for Italian Doctors Giuseppe Gasparini and Bruno Serve, whose salaries paid by US and Italian Governments, due to expire March 31. According to Guillet no word of intention renew contracts yet received from Rome and Doctors becoming increasingly concerned. Guillet and I agree both Doctors doing effective jobs in Yemen and it is to western interest contracts be renewed soonest.

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Foreign Office (Nutl) states GOI anxious renew contracts Italian doctors. GOI had hoped secure enactment law authorizing GOI employ approximately 40 technicians for service in LDC's which would have permitted GOI assume salaries these two doctors prior expiration contracts. Not possible forecast when law will be enacted.

If USG willing extend present ICA project agreement Foreign Office anticipates no difficulty in renewing contracts.

Nuti suggested two-year extension project agreement. If agreed in principle, Department may, however, desire propose one year extension in hope GOI will be able finance salaries by end that period.

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USG agreeable in principle renewing contracts of two Italian doctors in Yemen and necessary arrangements do so will be made through appropriate channels. Will advise details in due course.

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Ref Daptel 2718.

Embassy has received letter from FonOff dated April 29, 1961 referring to last paragraph of Project Agreement 45-59-006 of June 26, 1958 between FonOff and ICA concerning employment of two Italian surgeons in Yemen.

FonOff requests Embassy send FonOff two checks in U.S. dollar equivalent of 175 pounds each to cover ICA contribution to project for month of April 1961 for services of these two surgeons. Embassy understands FonOff expects to receive similar contributions for May and June 1961.

Since Embassy no longer has funds to continue these payments, Embassy would appreciate instructions on reply to be sent FonOff.

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Rome's G-778 rptd Taiz G-7.

On further reflection subject refmessage and Deptel 2718 to Rome rptd Taiz 256, we have concluded value retaining Italian Doctors Gasparini and Servede in Yemen now marginal and that use of limited Yemen program funds for this purpose not desirable. Accordingly Rome should inform Italian Govt that USG proposes cancel Project Agreement 45-59-006 as of June 30, but will of course make necessary advances for April-June extension. Explain to Italians that USG now has one doctor in Yemen and hopes shortly send surgeon which will to considerable extent cover USG's medical requirements in Yemen. Same time Rome should express USG's appreciation for fine work done by Gasparini and Servede, and express hope that Italians in view their avowed interest in Yemen might wish keep them there at GOI expense.

Amembassy Rome authorized make payment \$2,940 to GOI meet cost salary payments two Italian doctors months April, May and June. Charge Appr 72-1111063. Allot 124-50-279-19-69-11. Forward advice of charge ICA/Yemen.

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Reference: ICATO 312.

When informed by Charge May 20 of availability American surgeon Crown Prince expressed satisfaction and said Imam would be very pleased. Country team requests surgeon be sent. Appreciate biographic data information.

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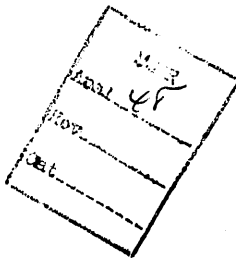
Legtel 433.

You should normally not rpt not inform GOY officials of
USG planning re Yemen until instructed by Dept. While Dept
and ICA have been setting up position in Yemen program for
surgeon and have possible candidate in mind, he has not rpt
not yet been formally approached re Yemeni assignment and we
have no way of knowing whether he will be willing accept.
We hope approach him soon as reply to ICATO 338 received and
will advise after having sounded him out.

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Embassy has received from Fonoff letter dated May 2, 1961 (similar to letter dated April 29, 1961 summarized in Embassy G-778) requesting additional two checks for U.S. dollar equivalent of 175 pounds each to cover ICA contribution to employment of two Italian surgeons in Yemen for month of May 1961.

Please instruct Embassy on reply to be made to these two letters.

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Reference: DEPTTEL 329

We entirely agree with Department-ICA view that support of Italian Doctors Gasparini and Servede should be assumed by Italian Government. Recommend however USG support be discontinued as of September 30 rather than June 30 unless Italian Government gives assurance it will assume this responsibility sooner. Our recommendation based on following:

(1) Servede only western doctor in Sanaa; (2) report from Italian Minister his recent assurance to Imam continued availability these doctors; (3) earlier termination would result personal hardship individual concerned.

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Legtel 460.

Concur your recommendation USG support for Italian doctors be discontinued as of Sept 30 rather than June 30 provided you prepared make additional funds available from Yemen program. Assume total costs for period April through September would be \$5,880. Taiz should authorize Emb Rome make such payment to GOI. Charge same appropriation and allotment cited Deptel 329 Taiz rptd Rome 3419.

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Rome 4911 to DEPT, 6 to Taiz.

DEPT considering extending services Gasperini in Yemen beyond September 30 under reimbursable personal service contract with ICA/Y at least until March 31, 1962. DEPT hopeful GOI can assume full cost Gasperini thereafter in accordance GOI assurances indicated penultimate para refel. DEPT does not rpt not envisage continuing subsidize Servede beyond September 30, and accordingly strongly hopes GOI will find necessary funds continue his presence Yemen after September 30.

Embassy Rome requested inform GOI of foregoing and emphasize importance USG continues attach to this form GOI contribution to Western presence Yemen.

CT Legation Taiz requested comment re appropriateness keeping Gasperini in Yemen under ICA/Y reimbursable personal service contract.

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Embassy informed Foreign Office June 12 US proposal cancel project agreement for two Italian doctors close this month. In further discussion June 16 Foreign Office (Barrattieri) requested USG reconsider decision and extend project agreement through March 31, 1962.

According Barrattieri, at present there are 33 Soviet and 14 Czech doctors in Yemen paid by Soviet and Czech Governments. On Western side eight Italian doctors paid by GOY, one French doctor paid by GOF, and two Italian doctors paid by GOI and USG, also one US doctor mentioned Department telegram 3419. Two Italian doctors (Gasperini and Servede) enjoy complete trust and confidence Imam, with whom they have closer relation, and Gasperini supervises all medical work Yemen including that of Soviet and Czech doctors. Withdrawal Gasperini and Servede by GOI now would be surrender unique position, would be impossible explain Imam and would give free hand to Soviet and Czech doctors to take over direction all medical work Yemen.

According Barrattieri, GOI cannot assume full cost these doctors until enactment new law for technical assistance. Draft law now approved by Cabinet and will be sent Parliament within next two weeks, but cannot be acted on prior summer recess.

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recess. Enactment law and provision necessary funds expected by early 1962 and Foreign Office confident GOI can assume full cost these doctors as of April 1, 1962.

Foreign Office states Italian Embassy being requested make parallel request Department.

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Reference: DEPTTEL 336.

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Department approves support Italian doctors to September 30
provided ICA/Yemen assumes cost April through September.
You authorized pay GOI \$5,880. Charge appropriation 72-1111063
allotment 124-50-279-19-69-11.

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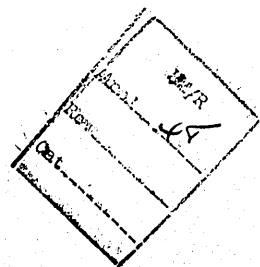
Deptel 324. -886 L.555

Regret surgeon candidate has now decided he does not rpt
not wish take Yemen position. Dept will continue its efforts
recruit qualified doctor. Accordingly PIO/T not being issued.
Re-program funds your discretion.

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Department telegram 52 repeated Rome 484, Jidda 59

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CT strongly supports extension services Gasperini under reimbursable ICA/Y contract through March 1962, when according Italian Minister Guillet GOI will be in position assume costs of Italian Medical Program.

Should Embassy Rome approach fail induce GOI finance Servede after September 30, CT convinced we should carry him also through March 1962. Servede is capable surgeon and working in Sanaa where Western representation disturbingly thin. His departure would leave gap which would be filled immediately by Soviet Bloc making future restoration of Western position difficult. Guillet states Servede in position recruit able doctors who worked with him in Libya, and thinks important factor in success program GOI will initiate next April. Believe expenditure small sum involved is well justified in maintaining non-Communist presence in Yemen's largest and politically most sensitive city.

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August 28, 1961

Dear Fred:

I learned from Clyde Leamaster that you are now in the balmy Southwest far from the excitement of the Arab world. I wonder, however, whether you wouldn't wish to return to the Middle East in the near future. The proposition I have to make is the following.

The Imam of Yemen requested the services of an American physician about a year ago and about six months ago we succeeded in locating a doctor to take on the assignment. His name is Dr. DeVere and he used to work for ARAMCO. About two weeks ago Dr. DeVere decided that he had had enough and left Yemen. The Imam was extremely unhappy about his departure for apparently he had nothing but admiration for DeVere and his medical ability. Now we have a request from the Imam to find a replacement.

While life in Yemen is not a bed of roses, as you well know it is a fascinating country and most appealing to those of us interested in the Arab world. The assignment would involve being the Imam's private doctor but with sufficient time to engage in medicine outside the palace and any other type of research desired. One of DeVere's problems was that he lived in the palace in a room with several other doctors. However, just before he left Yemen, the Imam had arranged to give him a house and a car. If you should take this assignment, one of the understandings would be that you would move into a house (presumably with your wife).

We have an American Legation in Taiz and a developing ICA program. The latter is mainly concerned with a road we are building from Mocha through Taiz to San'a. Taiz is located in the mountains and the climate is quite pleasant. I believe you would find the salary reasonably attractive. I am not sure but I believe that it is between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

If you are interested, I would most appreciate hearing from you and we could discuss the matter further. Because of your intimate knowledge of the Arab world and your understanding of the Arab mentality, it appears to me you would be the ideal person for the job.

Sincerely yours,

Talcott W. Seelye
Officer in Charge
Arabian Peninsula Affairs

Dr. Fred Richards,
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DEPTELS 484, 505, and Taiz telegram 2 to Rome.

GOI agrees to finance Servadei after September 30 in connection with reimbursable ICA/Y contract for Gasperini medical services September 30 through March 1962. Request ICA/W authorization for Gasperini PROAG.

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EMBASSY WILL PREPARE AND BEGIN PROJECT AGREEMENT AS SOON AS
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IN REF AIRGRAM INCORRECT. SHOULD READ OCTOBER 1, 1961 THROUGH
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Reference: Rome ICATO A-19, USOM 2 dated 11/24/61 and Taiz
USOM 7 dated 11/27/61, AIDTO A-47 (To Taiz, not sent Rome).

Dr. Gasparini reports no pay received since September 1961.
Taiz has no record actions taken pursuant references. Advise
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TO : SECSTATE

INFO : TAIZ CAIRO BEIRUT

FROM : AmEmbassy JIDDA

DATE: August 16, 1962

SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION: Renewed TWA Interest in Yemeni Airlines

REF : Taiz A-24, August 2, 1962; Deptel 444, May 21, 1961

Townsend PECK, formerly acting technical manager of Saudi Airlines and currently a special TWA representative concerned with overseas operations, during his August 3-6 visit to Jidda informed the Embassy that he had orders to visit Yemen after leaving Jidda in order to investigate the potentialities for TWA management of Yemeni Airlines. The troublesome problems with Saudi Airlines, however, caused postponement of his plans and he returned instead to New York. Peck rather evasively explained that TWA's interest had been prompted only by vague hints that Yemeni Airlines would welcome western assistance in its operation, adding that he and his colleagues in TWA headquarters knew little about the Yemeni situation.

COMMENT: It is possible that Peck was referring to Yemen's Government Air Service rather than Yemeni Airlines in view of the possible termination of the Yugoslav contract supplying aviation personnel to the former. The Embassy's curiosity about TWA's current interest is piqued by the fact that TWA and other American carriers reportedly have been reluctant to participate in the Yemeni operation without a U. S. Government subsidy.

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TO : Amembassy ROME

INFO : Amlegation TAIZ

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FROM : Department of State

DATE:

Nov 15 3 44 PM '62

SUBJECT : Italian Surgeon, Yemen

REF : Rome A-639
Rome A-671

USG will continue support GOI in providing surgeons to Yemen by meeting salary costs of Dr. Gasparini for period October 1, 1962 to June 30, 1963. Following receipt of appropriation and allotment number from USAID/Yemen payments will be made to the GOI monthly.

GOI should be notified US retains right cancel monthly payments at any time. In case such decision made GOI will be given thirty day notice of intent.

The above agreement covers a maximum contribution of \$4500 and automatically terminates June 30, 1963 unless cancelled prior that date.

To USAID/Y - Amembassy Rome should immediately be provided the appropriation and allotment numbers against which the above payments should be charged.

Amembassy Rome please note: difficulty of communication with Yemen at the present time may appreciably delay receipt of the requested information from Taiz.

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